

Listing of Claims:

1 and 2. Canceled.

1 3. (Original) A method for manufacturing a padded body comprising the steps
2 of:
3 preparing a skin layer formed in a bag shape, said skin layer having at least
4 a porous part and an opening for supplying a granular or fragmental filler
5 therein:
6 setting said skin layer in a padding container, said padding container
7 having an inner space, a suction port connected between the inner space and a
8 pumping source and a supply port for supplying said filler, said skin layer being
9 set in said padding container such that said opening fits to said supply port:
10 driving said pumping source to produce airflow from said supply port to the
11 inside of said skin layer through said opening and from the inside of said skin
12 layer to said suction port; and
13 supplying a predetermined amount of said filler to the inside of said skin
14 layer by use of said airflow to form the padded body.

1 4. (Previously amended) The method of claim 3, further including the steps
2 of:
3 premixing said filler and a water reactive binder;
4 setting the padded body in a molding container having a predetermined
5 cavity; and
6 passing steam through the inside of said molding container, wherein said
7 binder reacts to said steam, and thereby the filler adheres to itself and adheres to
8 an inner surface of said skin layer.

1 5. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a padded body
2 comprising the steps of:
3 premixing filler made of a granular or fragmental material and a water

4 reactive binder;

5 preparing a skin layer formed in a bag shape, said skin layer having at least
6 a porous part and an opening for supplying said filler;

7 setting said skin layer in a padding and molding container, said padding
8 and molding container having a slide block movable between a closing position
9 and an opening position, a cavity formed in a predetermined shape when said
10 slide block is moved into said closing position, a supply port for supplying said
11 filler and a suction port connected between said cavity and a pumping source
12 when said slide block is moved into said opening position, said suction port being
13 closed by said slide block when said slide block is moved into said closing position
14 wherein said skin layer is set in said padding and molding container such that
15 said opening fits to said supply port;

16 positioning said slide block at said opening position, and driving said
17 pumping source to produce airflow from said supply port to the inside of said skin
18 layer through said opening and from the inside of said skin layer to said suction
19 port;

20 supplying a predetermined amount of said filler to the inside of said skin
21 layer by use of said airflow to form a padded body;

22 moving said slide block into said closing position; and

23 passing steam through the inside of said padding and molding container,

24 thereby said binder reacts to said steam so that said filler adheres to itself
25 and adheres to an inner surface of said skin layer.

1 6. (Previously amended) A method of manufacturing a padded body
2 comprising the steps of:

3 premixing filler made of a granular or fragmental material and a water
4 reactive binder;

5 preparing a skin layer formed in a bag shape, said skin layer having at least
6 a porous part and an opening for supplying said filler therein;

7 setting said skin layer in a pre-molding container provided inside a suction
8 container, said suction container having an inner space, an output port connected
9 between the inner space and a pumping source and an input port connected to
10 the outside thereof, said pre-molding container having a cavity, a suction port
11 connected between said cavity and said inner space and a supply port disposed
12 so as to fit to said opening, wherein said skin layer is set in said pre-molding
13 container such that said opening fits to said suction port;

14 driving said pumping source to produce airflow from said input port to the
15 inside of said skin layer through said opening fitted to said supply port by use of
16 means for removably connecting between said input port and said supply port
17 and from the inside of said skin layer to said output port through said suction
18 port;

19 supplying a predetermined amount of said filler to the inside of said skin
20 layer by use of said airflow to form a padded body;

21 setting the padded body in a molding container having a cavity having a
22 predetermined shape; and

23 passing steam through the inside of said molding container;

24 thereby said binder reacts to said steam, and said filler adheres to itself and
25 adheres to an inner surface of said skin layer.

1 7. (Previously amended) The method of claim 6, wherein a funnel is used as
2 said means for removably connecting between said input port and said supply
3 port.

1 8. (Previously amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said filler is made
2 of foamed urethane, cloth or plastics, and said binder is a urethane binder.

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